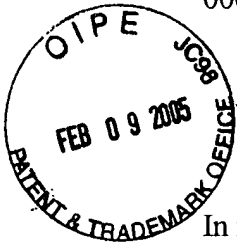


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RESPONSE AND SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed December 15, 2004. In that Office Action, pending Claims 17-67 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,217,665 and U.S. Patent No. 6,391,117.

Without conceding the propriety of these rejections and solely to expedite issuance, Applicant is submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, along with a check for the \$130.00 fee for filing the Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321 and 1.20(d), to obviate the rejections. Favorable consideration, withdrawal of the rejections and an early Notice of Allowability are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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